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+ Secretary-General, in communiqué to Security Council, sets 48-hour deadline for halt to military offensive by Serbian side in Dobrinja and relocation of heavy artillery; says if deadline is not kept, he will "reassess feasibility of UNPROFOR" and ask Council to determine other means for provision of humanitarian relief to people of Sarajevo.

+ Secretary-General begins two-day official visit to Nigeria during which he will meet with President and Chairman of Organization of African Unity.

+ More than $800 million is pledged for rehabilitation and reconstruction of Cambodia at Ministerial Conference in Tokyo, in close cooperation with Government of Japan.

+ Security Council Committee on Libya issues further appeal for information on implementation of mandatory sanctions against that country.

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President of the Security Council Paul Noterdaeme (Belgium) this evening told correspondents, following consultation by the Council, that it had received a communication from the Secretary-General, who is in Nigeria, concerning the deteriorating situation in Sarajevo.

The Secretary-General informed the Council that "in the circumstances, unless the present military offensive by the Serbian side ceases and there is evidence over the next 48 hours of actual relocation of heavy weaponry into areas of concentration supervised by the United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR)", he would have no other choice but "to reassess the feasibility of UNPROFOR implementing the agreement". It would then be up to the Security Council to determine what other means would be required to bring relief to the suffering people of Sarajevo, said the Secretary-General.

The Council President said Council members were very concerned by the development and would follow the situation closely over the weekend. He also appealed to the Serbian side in Bosnia and Herzegovina to immediately stop all

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fighting and let UNPROFOR fulfill its mandate. The Council would take up the matter on Monday morning.

Secondly, the Council had received a report from the Secretary-General on difficulties faced by UNPROFOR in Croatia. The document, which allegedly contains complex recommendations and proposals by the Secretary-General to help UNPROFOR operation in the area, would also be considered by the Council on Monday.

Today's statement by the Council President follows reports that Serbian forces had intensified their attacks on Dobrinja -- a suburb of Sarajevo near the airport -- despite its unilateral decision yesterday to stop shelling civilian targets and withdraw its heavy artillery.

According to a United Nations spokesman, Dobrinja had been under Serbian siege for several weeks and its fall would prevent the reopening of the airport at Sarajevo.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali arrived today in Lagos from Paris for a two-day official visit to Nigeria, during which he will meet with the President of Nigeria, whose country holds the chairmanship of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

Prior to leaving Paris, the Secretary-General met with the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in France, the Ambassador of Kuwait and the Prime Minister of Niger.

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In what has been called "an outstanding success" and a reaffirmation of the peace process, more than $800 million have been pledged for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Cambodia at a conference in Tokyo this week, according to Ramanathan Natarajan, the Head of the United Nations Development Programme's Division for South-East Asia. The funds, which far exceed the Secretary-General's appeal for $595 million and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) own estimates, were raised at the Ministerial Conference on the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Cambodia. The money will be used for humanitarian needs and to restore the basic infrastructure of the country devastated by 13 years of war.

In a reference to "recent obstacles to the smooth process of peace", due to non-compliance by one of the Cambodian parties with the Paris Peace Accords, Mr. Natarajan said the conference had sent a strong signal to all Cambodian parties that the international community expected everyone to abide by and implement all aspects of the Accords in a timely manner.

The rehabilitation work will be coordinated by the Director for Rehabilitation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), which is supervising the peace process.

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States that have not yet reported to the Secretary-General on the measures they have taken to implement resolution 748 (1992) concerning the sanctions imposed against Libya, have been urged to do so immediately by the Security Council Committee at its meeting on 11 June.

The Committee, which consists of all 15 Member States of the Council, was established pursuant to the sanctions resolution of 30 March against Libya. Its main mandate is to examine the replies from States reporting on measures they have taken to implement the mandatory sanctions.

As of 11 June , only 69 States had reported to the Secretary-General on the measures instituted by them to that effect.

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